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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED FOR ZERO NOMINAL GROWTH IN FAO
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POLOFF delivered points Reftel D to Second Secretary Mohamed Tarawneh from the MFA America's desk, who was acting essentially a duty officer for today (note: Our usual GOJ interlocutors within the MFA are no longer in Amman; several delegations are attending UNGA and other UN Organizational conferences, and others are on vacation in anticipation of the Eid al-Fitr Holiday). Tarawneh indicated that the issue had not received wide attention within the MFA to this point. Although he understood our concerns clearly, he indicated that GOJ had not formulated a specific response to either the FAO budget request or the proposed funding mechanism for institutional reform. Tarawneh said that he would update us when they have made a final decision and Post will follow up on the matter with GOJ as necessary.
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